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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

CC: Representative Elton Gallegly

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I write this letter in accordance with the Tunney Act expressing my support of the settlement between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I believe that this settlement will be beneficial to both the IT industry and the consumer, but continuing on with more court nuisance is a fleecing of the American taxpaying citizen. To prevent this from continuing any further, the D.O.J. should finalize the settlement as soon as the Tunney Act comment period is over.

This settlement is fair and reasonable. If anything, Microsoft was treated a little spitefully. A few terms of the agreement follow, which should underscore the severity of this settlement: the DOJ will establish an Independent technical committee, monitoring Microsoft's compliance with the settlement; Microsoft also cannot retaliate against computer makers that may ship software that would compete with the Windows operating system; and Microsoft will open up their vault of secrets concerning system interoperability to competition.

Even though the settlement prevents laissez-faire economics, the right thing to do is to settle the suit now and work to ensure that the industry and the economy can move forward again. Microsoft must be allowed to return to innovation, rather than litigation.

Sincerely,

Alex H. Qu
President